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LOWER COOK INLET: Commercial permit holders are reminded that unless explicitly stated otherwise, all regulations in Alaska Administrative Code, Title 5, Chapters 1 through 98 are in effect. These include in-season Emergency Order (EO) amendments to 5 AAC 21.350(j) that list salmon streams in Lower Cook Inlet (LCI) and clarifications to established closed waters listed in 5 AAC 21.350(a), (d-i).

The EO concerning 5 AAC 21.350(a), (d-i) CLOSED WATERS is available online here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/pdfs/newsreleases/cf/321661873.pdf>

Announcement #4 lists identified "salmon streams" in LCI in addition to any other stream meeting the definition of "salmon stream" as described in 39.975(10) is available online here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/pdfs/newsreleases/cf/277593656.pdf>

Additionally, maps as well as latitude and longitude coordinates identifying these streams in Excel as well as Google Earth formats are available online here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon#/maps>

In addition, recent commercial harvest estimates for LCI are available online here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.harvestsummary>

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Purse seine: within the Southern District, the following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday July 22, Wednesday July 24, and on Friday July 26 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, excluding the Tutka Bay Hatchery Special Harvest Area (SHA),
- the China Poot Subdistrict, excluding the China Poot SHA,
- the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding the Halibut Cove SHA,
- the Seldovia Subdistrict, and
- the Port Graham Subdistrict, excluding the English Bay Section.

The Halibut Cove SHA is defined by Emergency Order (EO) as the waters of the Halibut Cove Subdistrict east of 151° 11.9' W. long. The China Poot SHA is defined by EO as the marine waters shoreward of and enclosed by a line from 59° 34.66' N. lat., 151° 19.27' W. long., to 59° 35.08' N. lat., 151° 19.77' W. long., to 59° 33.09' N. lat., 151° 25.22' W. long., to 59° 32.84' N. lat., 151° 24.90' W. longitude. The Tutka Bay SHA is defined as the marine waters southeast and shoreward of a line from 59° 30.23' N. lat., 151° 28.23' W. long. to 59° 28.63' N. lat., 151° 30.37' W. long., including Tutka Bay Lagoon.

The harvest from the July 15 and 17 purse seine fishing periods was 5,110 sockeye, 20 Chinook (avg. wt. < 4 lbs./fish), 723 coho, 691 pink, and 47 chum salmon.

Set gillnet: Currently this district is on a regular schedule of two 48-hour set gillnet fishing periods per week, from 6:00 AM Monday until 6:00 AM Wednesday, and from 6:00 AM Thursday until 6:00 AM Saturday until further notice. Total escapement past the English Bay Weir as of July 16 is 12,147 sockeye salmon. Cook Inlet Aquaculture anticipates requiring 2,498 for broodstock purposes from English Bay Lakes. The remaining 9,649 fish are spawning escapement towards the sustainable escapement goal of 6,000 – 13,500 fish for English Bay Lakes.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Kamishak Bay District, excluding the Kirschner Lake SHA, and the Paint River and McNeil subdistricts remain open to commercial salmon seining seven days per week, until further notice. The waters of Chenik Lagoon remain open to commercial harvest up to the freshwater of Chenik Creek. Harvest to date is 33,000 sockeye, 1,100 chum, and 300 pink salmon. An aerial survey conducted on July 17 documented the following numbers of fish under poor to fair survey conditions:

Cottonwood Bay- 30 chum salmon,
Bruin Bay and river- 2,240 chum salmon,
Sunday Creek- 600 chum salmon
Amekdedori River- 1,500 sockeye, 1,200 pink salmon
Kirschner SHA (closed)- 3 sockeye salmon
Chenik Lagoon- <500 sockeye salmon

OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open for 16 hour periods on Monday July 22, Wednesday July 24, and on Friday July 26 from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM,

- the Port Dick Subdistrict,
- the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
- the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
- waters of the Nuka Island Subdistrict north and west of 59°20.00 N. lat., 150°48'00 W. long.

Aerial surveys documented the following numbers of fish in index streams in the Outer District:

- Windy Bay- 4,000 pink salmon (7/15),
- Port Dick- 9,800 pink salmon, 11,260 chum salmon (7/16),
- Petrof River area- 1,520 chum salmon (7/16),
- Desire Lake area- 3,720 sockeye salmon (7/10), and
- Delusion Lake- 52 sockeye salmon (7/10).

Also, the weir at Delight Lake has passed 5,366 fish through yesterday (7/18) versus an final SEG of 7,500-17,650.

Closed waters as established by emergency order 2-F-H-001-13 on May 1, 2013 are listed below:

5 AAC 21.350. Closed waters. (a) Salmon may not be taken in any of the waters listed in this section.

(d) Southern District

- (1) northeast of a line from a point at 59° 44.43' N. lat., 151° 02.80' W. long., to a point on the shore one-half statute mile southwest of the terminus of Swift Creek at 59° 47.15' N. lat., 151° 05.45' W. long.;
- (2) waters of China Poot Bay south and east of a line beneath the Homer Electric Association power line from a point on the north shore of the north arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.92' N. lat., 151° 15.42' W. long., to a point on the peninsula between the north and south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.47' N. lat., 151° 15.71' W. long., to a point on the south shore of the south arm of China Poot Bay at 59° 33.21' N. lat.; 151° 16.46' W. long.;
- (3) waters of Sadie Cove south of 59° 30.00' N. lat.;
- (4) waters of Tutka Bay southeast of 59° 25.50' N. lat.;
- (5) waters of Jakolof Bay south of 59° 28.07' N. lat.;
- (6) waters of Seldovia Bay south of a line from 59° 25.09' N. lat., 151° 42.57' W. long., to 59° 24.84' N. lat., 151° 43.06' W. long.;
- (7) waters of Port Graham Bay south of 59° 20.44' N. lat.;
- (8) Northshore Subdistrict.

(e) Kamishak Bay District

- (1) waters of Cottonwood Bay west of a line from 59° 38.39' N. lat., 153° 39.41' W. long., to 59° 37.68' N. lat., 153° 39.51' W. long.;
- (2) ~~Waters of Chenik Lagoon south and west of 59° 13.42' N. lat., 154° 07.32' W. long.;~~ (rescinded 7/3/2013)
- (3) Waters of Iniskin Bay north of a line from 59° 46.05' N. lat., 153° 27.82' W. long., to 59° 46.69' N. lat., 153° 26.01' W. long.;
- (4) Waters of Right Arm in Iniskin Bay east of a line from 59° 43.93' N. lat., 153° 22.83' W. long., To 59° 42.90' N. lat., 153° 22.86' W. long.;
- (5) Waters of Ursus Cove west of a line from 59° 32.43' N. lat., 153° 46.06' W. long., to 59° 31.20' N. lat., 153° 45.74' W. long.;

(f) Outer District

- (1) waters of Port Chatham east of a line from 59° 13.32' N. lat., 151° 43.41' W. long., to 59° 12.59' N. lat., 151° 43.55' W. long.;
- (2) waters of Windy Bay west of 151° 32.85' W. long.;
- (3) waters of Taylor Bay north of 59° 18.00' N. lat.;
- (4) waters of Tacoma Cove and Sunday Harbor east of 151° 01.15' W. long.;
- (5) waters of Koyuktolik (Dogfish Bay) east of a line from 59° 14.45' N. lat., 151° 52.72' W. long., to 59° 14.25' N. lat., 151° 52.90' W. long.;
- (6) waters of Chugach Bay west of a line from 59° 11.36' N. lat., 151° 37.57' W. long., to 59° 11.03' N. lat., 151° 37.25' W. long.;
- (7) waters of Rocky Bay inshore of a line from 59° 14.92' N. lat., 151° 23.82' W. long., to 59° 14.72' N. lat., 151° 23.32' W. long.;
- (8) waters of Port Dick west of a line from 59° 18.16' N. lat., 151° 17.33' W. long., to 59° 18.60' N. lat., 151° 17.10' W. long.;
- (9) waters of Middle Creek north of a line from 59° 18.18' N. lat., 151° 12.13' W. long., to 59° 18.08' N. lat., 151° 13.13' W. long.;
- (10) waters of Island Creek inshore of a line from 59° 17.09' N. lat., 151° 08.78' W. long., to 59° 17.11' N. lat., 151° 08.30' W. long. and inshore of a line from 59° 17.04' N. lat., 151° 08.06' W. long., to 59° 16.88' N. lat., 151° 07.15' W. long., and including the waters northwest of the island between these two lines;
- (11) waters of McCarty Fjord north of a line from 59° 37.52' N. lat., 150° 19.18' W. long., to 59° 37.03' N. lat., 150° 17.01' W. long.;
- (12) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.76' N. lat., by 150° 20.20' W. long. to a point offshore of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 32.45' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long., to a point south of the entrance of McCarty Lagoon at 59° 31.90' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long.;
- (13) waters of the East Nuka Subdistrict east of a line from a point north of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 35.02' N. lat., by 150° 17.86' W. long. to a point south of the entrance to Desire Lake creek at 59° 34.68' N. lat., by 150° 17.95' W. long.,
- (h) In any bay, estuary, slough, or lagoon less than 300 feet in width at mean low tide.
- (i) In all other streams or rivers within 500 yards of the terminus or as specified in 5AAC 39.290.

The next scheduled salmon commercial fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Friday, July 26.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, escapement data as well as maps are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.